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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Masaya SUMITA, et al. : Customer No.20277
Serial No.: 10/689,554 : Confirmation No.: 9311
Filed: October 21, 2003 : Group Art Unit: 2816
Examiner: KENNETH B. WELLS
For: SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT APPARATUS

ELECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

Mail Stop Amendment
Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed
March 8, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire
April 8, 2005, wherein the Examiner required restriction between the following distinct
Species:

<i>Species A</i>	-	corresponding to Fig. 1;
<i>Species B</i>	-	corresponding to Fig. 5;
<i>Species C</i>	-	corresponding to Fig. 8;
<i>Species D</i>	-	corresponding to Fig. 9;
<i>Species E</i>	-	corresponding to Fig. 10;
<i>Species F</i>	-	corresponding to Fig. 13;
<i>Species G</i>	-	corresponding to Fig. 14;
<i>Species H</i>	-	corresponding to Fig. 17;
<i>Species I</i>	-	corresponding to Fig. 18;
<i>Species J</i>	-	corresponding to Fig. 19;
<i>Species K</i>	-	corresponding to Fig. 20;
<i>Species L</i>	-	corresponding to Fig. 21;

<i>Species M</i>	-	corresponding to Fig. 22;
<i>Species N</i>	-	corresponding to Fig.26;
<i>Species O</i>	-	corresponding to Fig. 30;
<i>Species P</i>	-	corresponding to Fig. 31;
<i>Species Q</i>	-	corresponding to Fig. 32;
<i>Species R</i>	-	corresponding to Figs. 34 and 35;
<i>Species S</i>	-	corresponding to Fig. 37; and
<i>Species T</i>	-	corresponding to Fig. 38.


Applicants elect Species A, corresponding to Fig. 1, with claims 1, 8, 10 and 11 readable thereon, for initial prosecution on the merits. Applicants also reserve the right to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected claims, which the Examiner has indicated is patentably distinct.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417. A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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